

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEAVITT FAMILIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The NALF Scholarship Program came into being in 1994 thru a generous donation to that end. The Board endorsed the plan with two goals in mind. First, we hoped then and in the future to be able to assist our Leavitt children and/or grandchildren financially as they enter into advanced educational studies. Second, through the application process we hoped that the younger Leavitt's would come to understand and appreciate their wonderful Leavitt heritage just a bit more.

As of 2016 there are two (2) \$1,000.00 non-restricted scholarships offered per year to be spent on any needed school related item(s) at student's discretion.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND RULES

All applicants must be citizens of the United States of America and must plan/be accepted to attend an accredited college or university in the United States.

Only applications submitted in one package will be considered. Incorrect or incomplete applications will be discarded with no records retained or returned.

Scholarships will be awarded regardless of race, religion, gender or orientation, national origin or disability.

Winners will be notified by the NALF at the first Reunion following the application deadline. Winning essays will be printed in the next issue of the Leavitt Leaves Newsletter.

High school seniors are eligible for an NALF scholarship to help in their freshman year of study in college only.

A current dues paying member of NALF must act as a "sponsor" and must be a close family member to applicant.

Applications must be mailed. No email or Faxed applications will be accepted and will be deleted. Applications must be postmarked before May 1st of each year.

Judging done by non-partial panel of 3-5. Decisions based on individual merit, not as competition among applicants. Judging will be done by a "blind" process with all identifying references blocked out. Scoring and weight of categories as per rules below:

Essays #1 & #2: "What My Leavitt Heritage Means To Me" and "My Plans For The Future": 55%;

Extra-curricular and Community activities: 25%;

Transcript/grades/GPA: 10%;

Completeness and accuracy: 10%.

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Guidelines For Judges

Applications will be judged on individual merit rather than in competition with other applicants based on the following criteria:

Essay #1: "What My Leavitt Heritage Means To Me". 55% (Score is for both essays combined)

- a. Has student clearly expressed his/her ideas?
- b. Is essay original in thought and expression?
- c. Has student exhibited historical knowledge/accuracy?

Essay #2: "My Plans For The Future"

- a. Are thoughts and ideas cohesive and free flowing?
- b. Do plans include a personal involvement in community preservation or enhancement?
- c. Will plan help to promote a positive Leavitt Legacy in the future?

Extra-curricular Activities: 25%

- a. Is there a variety of interests, participation in school activities such as music, arts, sports, journalism, science, etc?
- b. Has student received any honors or awards?
- c. Is student a contributing member in his/her church, family and/or community?
- d. Has student made a positive difference in some manner?
- e. Does student present with good citizen qualities such as:
 Dependability: truthfulness, honesty, punctuality, etc.
 Service: cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.
 Leadership: personality, self-control, initiative, etc.
- f. Has student participated in other activities in his/her daily life, other than school-organized activities such as scouting, explorers, 4-H, part time job, hobbies, etc?

Grades: 10%

- a. Is an original high school transcript attached with GPA of 3.5 or better?
- b. Transcript must be complete thru Grade 11 and lists subjects student is enrolled in for 12th grade.

Completeness and accuracy: 10%

- a. Are all requirements met and documents attached?
- b. Has student used proper grammar and spelling?